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New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Recognizes DRBA's Millville Executive Airport for Recycling Excellence

NEW CASTLE, Del. – The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), in conjunction with the Association of New Jersey Recyclers (ANJR), recognized and honored the Delaware River and Bay Authority's (DRBA) Millville Executive Airport for its recycling excellence, naming the operation a 2022 Rising Star at a special award ceremony held at the Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune, NJ. Albert Fralinger III, Environmental, Health and Safety Manager for the DRBA, accepted the award on behalf of the bi-state agency.

“We’re pleased and honored to be recognized by both NJDEP and ANJR for our recycling efforts at the Millville Executive Airport,” Fralinger said. “It’s a credit to our employees who embraced this effort, and it was a true team accomplishment. Getting recognized by a state agency really energizes employees to continue to look for future opportunities to reduce waste and recycle while working on various projects at the facility.”

“With a new focus on recycling and waste reduction, the Millville Executive Airport worked with its many departments to institute a new facility wide waste management and recycling approach that has enabled the facility to significantly increase recycling rates and reduce waste generation over the past three years,” said NJDEP Bureau Chief Ky Asral . “One of the airport’s innovative waste reuse initiatives involved cleaning out scrap tires from a hangar and having them repurposed as buffer safety crash barriers at the neighboring Millville Motor Sports Park Speedway.”

Millville Executive Airport, which is operated by the DRBA, instituted facility-wide waste management and recycling changes to improve policies, practices, data management, site infrastructure, supplier relations, local and regional government outreach, customer support and employee environmental and recycling education and awareness. This holistic approach has resulted in significantly more material being recycled by staff and on-site contractors. The Millville Executive Airport recycles a diverse mix of materials including paper, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, scrap metal, used oil, concrete and soil. The airport also recycles polycarbonate runway signs that were previously disposed. Millville Executive Airport also improved its recycling education and training programs for staff.

NJDEP's goal with the program is to highlight the success of NJ agencies, businesses, individuals, and others who go beyond the norm to advance recycling and to make these examples available to others who may emulate them. Each year, NJDEP and ANJR co-sponsor this symposium and luncheon, where recycling awards are presented to outstanding businesses, organizations, local government agencies, and individuals who have made significant contributions to recycling in New Jersey.

Photo Caption: DRBA Environmental Health and Safety Manager Albert Fralinger III (center) and DRBA Environmental Health and Safety Specialist Jeff Foster (left) receive the NJDEP 2022 Outstanding Recycling Award from Ky Asral, NJDEP Bureau Chief for Sustainability at the 41st Annual Recycling Symposium and Awards Luncheon held at the Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune, New Jersey.

About the Delaware River and Bay Authority

The DRBA, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962, owns and operates the Delaware Memorial Bridge, the Cape May- Lewes Ferry, and the Forts Ferry Crossing. The DRBA also manages corporate and aviation properties through its economic development powers - two airports in New Jersey (Millville Airport and Cape May Airport) and three in Delaware (New Castle Airport, Civil Air Terminal and Delaware Airpark). All DRBA operating revenues are generated through the bridge, ferry and airport facilities. For more information, visit www.drba.net.